

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ Board approves Measure I Expenditure Plan for circulation

The Measure I Expenditure Plan — the document which spells out transportation projects and services for the proposed continuation of Measure I — cleared a significant hurdle May 5 with approval by the Board of Directors to circulate the plan for countywide consideration.

Board members voted unanimously to forward the plan to the County Board of Supervisors and to each of the 24 city or town councils for their vote at meetings in May. The Expenditure Plan must be approved by the Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities with a majority of the population.

If this majority is reached, the SANBAG Board will consider the plan for final approval on June 2 and ask the Board of Supervisors to formally place Measure I on the November 2 ballot.

SANBAG has been working with private sector stakeholders and city and county representatives during the past year to prepare the Expenditure Plan.

"The proposed plan builds on our successful transportation program, makes adjustments for the future and provides for ongoing critical transportation investment in our county for the next 30 years. What's more, the state cannot take this revenue from our county for any reason," said Executive Director Norm King.

Please see page 2 for details about the Expenditure Plan.

■ Board considers proposed budget for 2004-05

Board members received copies of SANBAG's proposed 2004-05 budget, which is scheduled for review by the agency's Administrative Committee on May 12 and for Board consideration on June 2.

The budget includes estimated revenues of \$170.6 million. This reflects an increase from this year's \$163 million budget. Anticipated expenditures for the coming year total \$148.4 million, compared to \$159 million this year. The total budget for 2004-05 is \$194.8 million, compared to \$224.4 million last year.

■ SANBAG Arrowhead Avenue building for sale

The move to the Santa Fe Depot next month has prompted the sale of SANBAG's building at 472 N. Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino.

Board members approved the appraised market value of the building, declared it surplus to SANBAG's needs, authorized the agency to sell the building and directed County Real Estate Services Department to conduct the sale. The building will be offered first to public agencies. If there are no interested parties, an on-site auction will be held July 12.

■ New federal transportation act delayed through June 30

Adoption of the new federal transportation funding bill hit a roadblock last week, with Congress voting to extend current funding until June 30 to allow more time to craft the new bill.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) expired September 30 but was extended through February and again through April to give members of the House and Senate time to reauthorize this six-year act, which provides funding for highways, interchanges, bridges and transit nationwide.

In February, the Senate passed a \$318 billion reauthorization bill, and in April, the House passed a \$284 billion version of the bill. Both houses will confer to resolve differences between the two bills. The White House has promised to veto any bill that exceeds \$275 billion.

Last week's action added two additional months to the existing TEA-21 bill, extending it from April 30 to June 30. Leaders from the White House and Congress are meeting to try to resolve funding levels.

Contained in the proposed new act is \$82 million for San Bernardino County transportation, including freeway projects, new interchanges, street upgrades and railroad bridge crossings.

Down the road ...

- May 12: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- May 12: Commuter Rail Committee, 12 noon
- May 19: Combined Plans & Programs Committee and Major Projects Committee, 12 noon
- May 21: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.

Proposed Measure I Expenditure Plan up for review

Plan to guide countywide transportation funding through 2040

SANBAG's Board of Directors took the first formal step toward the possible continuation of San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax with the adoption of an Expenditure Plan that will be circulated to the Board of Supervisors and each city council and town council for consideration this month.

The unanimous vote by the SANBAG Board reflected strong support for the Expenditure Plan, which is designed to guide the funding of transportation projects for 30 more years.

Pending approval by the Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities/towns with a majority of the population, the Expenditure Plan will return to the SANBAG Board of Directors next month for final approval. At that time, the Board of Supervisors would be asked to place the continuation of Measure I on the November 2 ballot for voter consideration.

If approved by voters, Measure I would authorize the continued collection of a one-half of one percent sales tax from 2010 to 2040, generating an anticipated total of \$6 billion for local transportation projects, without raising new taxes. These funds would remain in San Bernardino County and could not be borrowed or suspended by the state or federal governments for any reason.

This month's issue of *Measuring Success* provides an overview of the Measure I Expenditure Plan.

Expenditure Plan Development

The SANBAG Board of Directors has been hard at work during the past year to develop the Expenditure Plan. The Board has not been working in isolation, however. Through the contributions of private sector stakeholders and city and county representatives, this Expenditure Plan includes funding for projects that are considered to be most needed countywide.

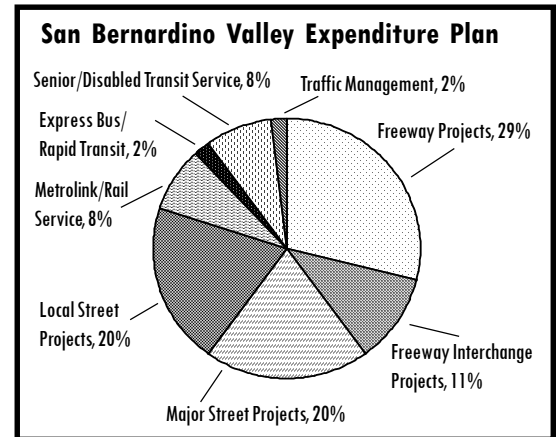
Plan Highlights

The proposed Measure I Expenditure Plan specifies how the tax revenue would be allocated countywide. Key elements include:

■ San Bernardino Valley Subarea

Measure I revenue generated from the **San Bernardino Valley** area of San Bernardino County would be used for projects of direct benefit to this area, using the following formula:

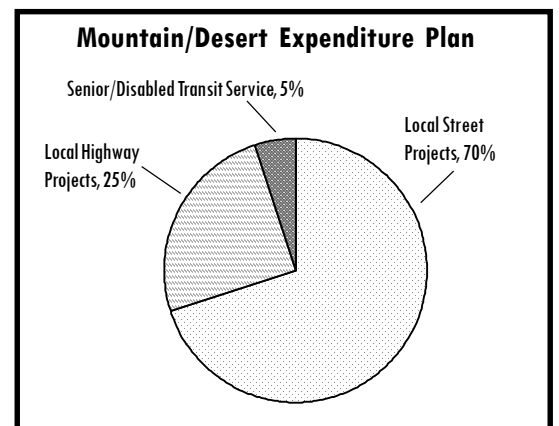
- 29% - Freeway projects
- 11% - Freeway interchange projects
- 20% - Major street projects
- 20% - Local street projects (returned to local jurisdictions)
- 8% - Metrolink/rail service
- 8% - Senior and disabled transit service
- 2% - Express bus/bus rapid transit service
- 2% - Traffic management systems (signal synchronization, ridesharing programs, etc.)



■ Mountain and Desert Subareas

Measure I revenue generated from the five distinct mountain and desert areas of San Bernardino County (the **North Desert, Colorado River, Morongo Basin, Mountains and Victor Valley**) would be used for projects of direct benefit to each of these areas, using the following formula:

- 70% - Local street projects (returned to local jurisdictions)
- 25% - Major local highway projects
- 5% - Senior and disabled transit service



For more information, visit "Measure I Central" on SANBAG's website, www.sanbag.ca.gov.

